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SUBJECT: GVN STATEMENT ON ICCS

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS PREPARED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) TO BE GIVEN ORALLY BY THE MFA SPOKESMEN AT TODAY'S MEETINGS WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND FOREIGN PRESS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: WE (THE GVN) ALWAYS WANT TO SRIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THERFORE WE WANT TO HAVE AN ICCS WHICH IS EFFICIENT AND HAS THE MEANS, PERSONNEL AND BUDGET TO PERFORM COMPETENTLY. THIS IS PROOF OF OUR SINCERITY
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IN WANTING TO ABIDE BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS USED ALL MEANS AVAILABLE TO PARALYZE AND RENDER INEFFECTIVE THE ICCS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF ITS ABUSE OF THE UNANIMITY RULE. IN EFFECT THE OTHER SIDE DEMANDS THAT THERE BE UNANIMITY JUST TO OPEN AND INVESTIGATION WHEN IN FACT THE UNANIMITY RULES COULD APPLY ONLY TO THE REPORTS OF THE ICCS IN GENERAL AND TO THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS. TO DEMAND THAT THERE SHOULD BE UNANIMITY BEFORE AND INVESTIGATION CAN BE STARTED PUTS THE ICCS IN A POSITION OF IMPOTENCE. FINALLY THE COMMUNIST SIDE WANTS TO LOWER THE PRESTIGE OF THE ICCS BY REDUCING ITS PERSONNEL AND BUDGET. MOREOVER IF PROCRASTINATES IN THE PAYMENT OF ITS SHARE OF ICCS EXPENDITURES WITH THE SAME PURPOSE OF PARALYZING THE ORGANIZATION.

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH THE AIM OF PREVENTING THE ICCS FROM BEING HAMPERED BY BUDGETARY PROBLEMS THE GVN IS ACTIVELY STUDYING SWAYS AND MEANS OF PERMITTING THE ICCS TO CONTINUE ITS FUNCTIONS WHILE AWAITING APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET BY THE CONCERNED PARTIES.

5. THE GVN WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE OTHER SIDE BE LESS STUBBORN IN THIS REGARD. END QUOTE.
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